

BAPTIST FEMALE COLLEGE

Under the New Management this School has
Enjoyed the Most Successful Year
Of its Career.

MESSRS. WHITE AND COOK CONGRATULATED.

A Full and Complete Report of the Closing Exercises
As Witnessed by a Representative of
The Intelligencer.

The last week has closed another year in the history of Baptist Female College. The forty-fifth year of its existence as a college and one unprecedented in point of success. The Baptists all over the state may look with pride to this school as one of their most successful and thorough institutions. For forty-five years the people of Lafayette county and especially of Lexington have been watching with interest the growth of Baptist College and as it changed from the management of one president to that of another they have watched with more interest the new developments.

The year just closed has been the first under the present directors—Edward W. White as president and Robert N. Cook as associate president and business manager. They have proven themselves men fitted in every way and capable of looking after the best interests of the institution under their control.

Our colleges are the pride and boast of Lexington and with their prosperity or decline the people of Lexington thoroughly sympathize, therefore in the success they are making of Baptist College Presidents White and Cook may be assured of the co-operation and best wishes of our citizens. These men came among us last year as strangers.

President White is a native Kentuckian. His early training was received at Georgetown, Kentucky. His first experience in teaching was as principal of Liberty College Glasgow, Ky. He founded what is known as Lyndland Female College, Glendale, Ky, and had charge of this school for seven years. He resigned therefrom to enter the University of Chicago. After two years study there he went to Columbia University, New York. His ability and experience in college work and the management of such institutions has been made evident the past year in Lexington.

Mr. Cook is a native of North Carolina. He was educated at Wake Forest College, one of the oldest and most substantial in the South. After his graduation in 1892 he occupied the chair of Latin in Bardstown Male and Female Institute, Bardstown, Ky. for three years where he became president of the same school. This position he held until 1898. He then became associate president and business manager of Clinton, College, Ky. from which place he came to Lexington. Under Mr. Cook's efficient management the business feature of the college, that is such an important one in connection with its affairs, has received special attention. It is impossible for any institution of learning or otherwise to attain success unless there is a competent management of the finances thereof. During the past year Baptist College has along this line prospered in a way that is indeed gratifying to its friends. Presidents White and Cook have been associated in educational work for the past three years and were called here without solicitation on their part. They propose to make the coming year, as has been the last, the most successful in the history of the college.

The crowded condition of the build-

ing last year when every available room was utilized in accommodating students, impresses the necessity for more buildings. During the summer months improvements will be made in many ways and in every way that is necessary for the comfort and needs of the students.

THE CHAPERONE.

The first entertainment of the closing exercises of the Baptist Female College took place last Saturday night at the New Grand opera house. The entertainment was in the nature of a three act comedy entitled the chaperone, and it was given as the closing exhibition of the school of expression. We give below the cast of characters and synopsis of the play.

CAST:

Mrs. Dynecourt Eva Carey
Miss Morong, principal of Crandon.
Hall Gazelle Lane
Miss Jeanne, French teacher of Crandon
Hall Lottie Rigg
Joyce Dynecourt, "Jack" Marie Hoyt
Phyllis Reynolds Edith Powell
Mollie Craighton Nellie Trospier
Daisy Bess Chaffin
Anna Pearl Nicely
Barbara Margaret Halstead
Judith Pearl Schoenfeldt
Suzanne Maude McIntyre
Lillian Pearl Strodtman
Miriam, a gypsy Blanche Kelley
"Jill," a waitress Victoria Foreman
Nora, servant May Cox

CAST INCLUDES ALSO

Misses Zoe Bullette, Lillian McCombs,
Mary Denham, Margaret Richter and
Master Wingate Moorehead.

SYNOPSIS:

Act I. Scene, Campus of Crandon Hall.
Act II. Scene, Cousin Geoffrey's Studio.
Act III. Scene, Garden party at "Seibourne."

The piece was rather heavy work to be undertaken by amateurs but the young ladies handled it in a most excellent manner. Misses Marie Hoyt, Blanche Kelley, Victoria Foreman, May Cox and Lottie Rigg had probably the most difficult places in the play and did their parts exceedingly well. They were ably supported by the others in the minor parts where although there was not so much to be done, what there was to do was equally well done. The young ladies showed clearly the benefits of the training they have received in the school of expression, and the college has cause to be proud of the degree of proficiency attained by the young ladies in the art of expression. It is very doubtful if a number of young ladies without a thorough knowledge of the principles taught in the school of expression could be trained to give "The Chaperone." We congratulate the school of expression on the excellent class they have this year and we congratulate the class on the marked success of their entertainment Saturday night.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Last Sunday morning, May 26th, Dr. J. S. Kirtley of Kansas City delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of Baptist College at the Baptist church.

The altar was generously decorated with pink roses and palms giving the church a holiday air. During the event and emphasizing in the decorations the college colors—pink and green.

A large and expectant audience filled the church and when a few moments

before eleven o'clock the students marched down the aisles every eye watched with interest as they took their places in the central pews. The senior class, numbering seventeen, came first, their black caps and gowns lending added dignity to the young ladies as well as distinguishing them from the other students who were gowned in all white.

Just at eleven o'clock Prof. Stark as organist sounded the first notes of an overture that was followed by the doxology sung by the congregation. After the first hymn Dr. Kirtley read for the lesson the fifteenth and part of the sixteenth chapter of St. John after which Dr. Gordon of the Presbyterian church led the congregation in prayer.

The trio, "I Waited for the Lord," by Mendelssohn and sung by Misses Denham, Gibbs and Carey as well as the "Hark! Hark! My Soul," by Shelley and sung by Misses Gibbs and Denham were musical treats.

After the announcements by President White concerning the commencement exercises of B. F. C. Miss Gibbs sang as a solo: "I Will Extol Thee, O Lord," by Costa.

Dr. Kirtley was now introduced to the audience. He is pastor of one of the largest churches in Kansas City, and having been a schoolmate and former classmate of President White feels a personal interest in Baptist College. He read the sixth verse of the fourteenth chapter of St. John: "Jesus saith unto him: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: No man

comes but what he would do exalts him. He spoke of Christ as the head of humanity, its crown and glory and in closing appealed to the young ladies to learn Jesus first, now, in the beginning of their career as students; their work previous to this commencement having been training only that prepares them for the real field of study; to form friendship with Him who is inspiration for all studies and who will lead them into all truths.

After a prayer by Rev. H. A. Hunt of St. Joseph Miss Unham sang for a solo "Resurrection" by Shelley, Miss Newbrandt accompanying on violin, then Dr. Kirtley pronounced the benediction.

ANNUAL SERMON BEFORE Y. W. C. A.

Last Sunday evening Rev. H. A. Hunt, of St. Joseph, preached to the Young Women's Christian Association of Baptist college. The sermon was delivered at the Baptist church and to a large and attentive congregation, one in which young ladies predominated. The church was decorated for the morning service. As special music Misses Denham and Manly and Messrs. Chiles and Phillips sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," by Williams.

After the lesson was read Miss Carey sang a solo, "O, Lord Be Merciful," by Bartlett.

Dr. Hunt who is pastor of Savannah Avenue Baptist church, St. Joseph, Mo., read for the lesson the second chapter of Paul's epistle to Titus, wherein Paul instructs Titus as

—one must be born again.

Second, a clear, strong way from the world. Love of the world is the enemy of the Christian. He said many questions were asked: "Can I indulge in this or that?" His answer was: "No, my dear friends, keep my standards high. There is one straight road given by the gospel; this we know safe, direct road; we know these other ways that lead us astray from the world.

A third element in the necessary to a holy life is separation to those about us—our friends and acquaintances. Under honesty was dwelt upon; the sight of man as well as his influence.

A fourth condition necessary to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

As his closing thought he pointed to the young ladies the true Christian life in the home. The gospel is the home life. He exhorted them as a first duty to yield to the Savior, know him and all that he has done for us. He added. His appropriate sermon with a prayer was by the song, "Save Me, O Landegger, and sung by Misses of Baptist college.

The dismissal of the college with benediction was the end of we know as commencement of Baptist college, 1901. The year has been clear and pleasant and the services in points of enjoyment and benefit all the most interested could wish.

For the next few months the students will be greatly not only by the church but by the people of Lexington.

ALUMNAE BANQUET.

If a school can be judged by the graduates it sends into the world from its doors Baptist Female College deserves our highest praise. present no better recommendation than parents who have daughters educated and fitted for life than the lives of the women of Christian homes or whose life they have been able to fit who look to Baptist College as Alma Mater and give evidence of tender regard for and gratitude. As the association is growing year in numbers and adding to its history, it is growing in earnestness of purpose, putting greater efforts toward building Alma Mater and growing to and more an honor to the institution that is responsible for its growth. The banquet given by the students at the Baptist College Monday was an exceedingly interesting. This bringing together of the graduates with those just starting out, a change of greetings and school memories is greatly to be all, and anticipated with joy from year to year.

The decorations Monday were confined to the college pink and green. The guests received in the college parlors. W. H. Chiles, president of the association, Mrs. G. W. Hyde, Miss Alice Peak, corresponding secretary, Misses Peat, Hyde, Gordon, Mrs. Hane and Miss Before entering the dining room a senior class of 1901 was members of the Alumnae Association. Misses Moore, class of 1898, attended to them in behalf of the association a welcome that was in words beautiful and effective. She then pinned on each of the class the badge of the association. Miss Mary Elizabeth Hoyt, her class, responded to the very gracefully with a few words. After the above ceremony was led to the dining room the same color scheme was in decorating. Pink flowers, beautiful maiden hair ferns in effective arrangement. A menu was served after which an annual roll call. Mrs. Chiles tender tribute to those who will meet with them on early memories of who are Alumnae. Mrs. Hyde then names of those who have gone but are members still. The roll call was responded to present with a quotation of some beautiful thought which about members many



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cometh unto the Father but by me," and took for his text the clause: "I Am the Truth. His sermon was one befitting the occasion: his delivery earnest and impressive and if one can judge by the marked attention of his audience from the start to finish it was deeply appreciated. Dr. Kirtley impressed on the minds of the young ladies the importance of these words as spoken by Christ, the most important he could say to them: dwell on their depth and the infiniteness of their meaning. He then explained the difference between facts and truths—stating that back of all facts lay truths and back of all truths lay one ultimate Truth that explains all others and contained in the statement: "I am the Truth." As around one star all worlds revolve so there is one great central Truth around which all truths revolve and that Truth is Jesus Christ. To know Him is to stand at the central point; to know him is to possess the key that unlocks all doors and by which one explores all depths.

He spoke of three great realms into which all truths are divided: God, Humanity, and nature, and Jesus as the gateway to all, the expression of God in all realms. He called the attention of the young ladies to their indebtedness to Jesus in their knowledge of themselves, presenting Him as a mirror in which one could discern one's imperfections and deformities as well as one's ideal self. Quoted Browning in impressing the thought that not a

to the manner in which he shall exhort the different classes of people to whom he ministers.

As his text for the sermon Dr. Hunt selected the latter part of the tenth verse of the lesson just read: "That they may adore the doctrine of God our Savior in all things." He explained the relation between Paul and Titus and the circumstances under which the letter was written. Touching briefly on the exhortations to aged men, aged women, young men and servants, he approached his text and explained its meaning in a clear, forcible manner. Explained the doctrine of God as meaning the gospel of Jesus Christ, and called attention to the fact that adorn in the text did not mean to beautify something not already beautiful; just as well might one speak of making hot the sun or adding force to the cyclone, but the real meaning of the text is that every Christian permit the beauty and grace of the gospel to be made manifest in human life.

He spoke of the great need that we not only reflect but reflect the grace of God and thereby bring His coming. He spoke with great earnestness of the importance of holy living—nothing so potent in saving souls as a Godly life. Then as conditions necessary in order that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things the following were presented and enlarged upon:

The first fundamental and most important condition of all is regeneration